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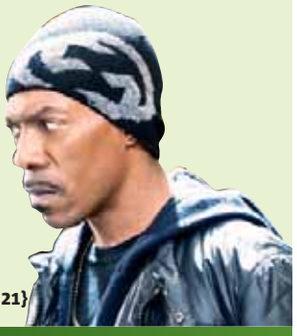

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Occupiers told to clean up

- Protesters have until Friday morning to remove tarp enclosures and unoccupied tents
- Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services will remove them if occupiers refuse

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▶ Occupy Vancouver tents outside the Vancouver Art Gallery Thursday.

Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services has issued a notice to residents of Occupy Vancouver to remove some of the camp's tents by 10 a.m. Friday.

With temperatures dropping, tent-city occupants have set up tarps enclosing multiple tents, posing a significant fire hazard, said Chief John McKearney.

"There must be full visibility, egress and access on a 24-7 basis," he said.

The fire department issued the notice late Thursday afternoon, but McKearney could not specify how many tents will need to come down.

There are currently 100-odd tents erected, about half of which are unoccupied. Protesters will be responsible for identifying which tents can be taken down. Tents will also have to be redistributed throughout the site to create more fire lanes.

However, if occupants refuse, McKearney said the fire department will remove the tents.

The department previously told protesters that propane tanks are prohibited on site, but two tanks were discovered Thursday morning.

Mayor Gregor Robertson admitted his frustration with the encampment, as well as concerns over declining safety and health, but he is standing firm on his wait-and-see approach.

"(It will last) as long as it takes to end this peacefully without violence," he said.

The order to remove tents came after an incident Thursday morning, in which emergency responders were called to the Vancouver Art Gallery after one of the protesters overdosed on heroin.

In other Occupy Vancouver news, the tent city continues to disrupt local life as the annual tree lighting, which takes place at the VAG, has been moved to the Jack Poole Plaza at the Convention Centre.

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Violence raises questions

After escalation of Occupy tactics in Oakland, some wonder if rioting will destroy movement {page 18}

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Tories carve into B.C. Liberal support

The B.C. Conservative Party can no longer be considered a fringe party, according to its leader after some promising poll numbers were released.

A new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll found the provincial NDP party has pulled ahead of the Liberals in overall support (40 per cent to 31) for the first time since before Premier Gordon Campbell's resignation.

Part of the Liberal's demise seems to stem from the resurgence of John Cummins' Conservatives, who pulled in their highest-ever recorded level of support.

Eighteen per cent of respondents said they'd vote Conservative, up a whopping 13 points.

"People have been telling us they're looking for an alternative (to the Liberals)," Cummins said.

He expects the poll numbers to have a knock-on effect as fence sitters realize the Conservatives are a growing force in the province's political realm.

"People will recognize we're not a flash in the pan," he said. "To have that reinforced by a respected pollster, that's what people want to hear."

The online survey was conducted with 803 randomly selected British Columbians and has a margin of error of +/- 3.5 per cent.

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▶ Conservative Leader John Cummins.

Picture. Perfect

▶ Actor Edison Chen at the 15th Vancouver Asian Film Festival with co-star Tina Chen, left, and director Bertha Pan.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

15th Asian Film Fest underway

Chen, Chen and Pan were in attendace for the 15th edition of the Vancouver Asian Film Festival, which kicks off with their film, Almost Perfect.

Man overdoses at Occupy Vancouver

- **Authorities say man lucky to have lived after overdosing on heroin**
- **On-site paramedics administered drug to neutralize effects of drug**

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A man, who overdosed on heroin at the Occupy Vancouver camp Thursday, is lucky to be alive, fire and rescue authorities said Thursday.

"The man is extremely lucky to have had a quick first-aid response," said Vancouver Fire spokesman Capt. Gabe Roder, who also credited the on-site medic for doing a "tremendous job."

The man, who was about 25 years old, went into full cardiac arrest at around 9:30 a.m. at the Occupy protest site on the plaza outside the Vancouver Art Gallery.

"It was his friend who alerted an on-scene first-aid attendant, who went to the male and began CPR," Roder said, adding Vancouver fire and B.C. ambulance arrived shortly afterwards.

Paramedics established that the man was having a heroin overdose, so they administered Narcan, a drug used to neutralize the effects of heroin.

Roder said the man left the scene conscious. He was transported to St. Paul's Hospital.

The man overdosed while inside a tent, Roder added, although it is not known whether the man regularly stayed overnight at the camp.

Police use tips to probe killing

Police in the North Okanagan say they've got about 55 tips as they investigate the killing of 18-year-old Taylor van Diest in Armstrong on Halloween night.

But RCMP spokesman Gord Molyndyk says investigators still have no suspects in her death. She was found unconscious along some railway tracks and died later in hospital.

Police are releasing photos of van Diest dressed as a zombie for Halloween, and a tan jacket she'd been wearing, in hopes it might jog someone's memory.

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▶ Taylor Van Diest

News in brief

Port Mann Bridge closed after fatal crash

HIGHWAY 1. A fatal accident closed off eastbound traffic on the Port Mann Bridge Thursday afternoon.

A 50-year-old woman was exiting on Highway 1 at the west end of the bridge deck when she was struck by an eastbound tractor-trailer.

She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The tractor-trailer driver was not hurt.

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Transit pass probe leads to charges

FRAUD. Five people face charges after an eight-month counterfeit transit-pass probe. According to a release, the fake TransLink two-zone monthly passes were made in China and sold at reduced prices to transit users. One person has been deported and two of those charged were in Canada on student visas.

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Woman hopes to find closure

SENTENCING. A Surrey woman whose brother was stabbed to death in her home 13 years ago is hoping she can move on with her life now that the killer has been sentenced. Jeanie Fraser says she is satisfied with the sentence given Gary Johnston, who won't be able to apply for parole for at least 15 years. Johnston stabbed Fraser's brother Vic in 1998 during a break-in.

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Shooting victim was targeted: Police

HALLOWEEN INCIDENT. New Westminster police have released more details about a Halloween shooting that sent a man to hospital in serious condition. They say he is a 29-year-old male of Persian descent who is known to police. He was shot in the face, neck and upper body while sitting in a luxury car, and remains in stable condition in a medically induced coma. It was a targeted hit, police say, but the motive is not yet clear.

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Loved ones remember pilot

Trust fund for Luc Fortin's wife and daughter set up at TD Canada Trust branch in North Vancouver ◆ Plane crash investigation ongoing

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More than 150 of Luc Fortin's friends, colleagues and family gathered at the Seymour Golf Club in North Vancouver on Thursday to celebrate the life of the pilot, who was killed in last week's fiery plane crash near the Vancouver International Airport.

Fortin, 44, died after the Northern Thunderbird Air twin-engine plane he was flying crashed on a busy Richmond road, just 900 metres shy of a YVR runway.

Media who converged at the golf club were asked to respect the family's wishes for privacy to remember Fortin.

The North Vancouver resident was flying the Kelowna-bound charter flight back to Vancouver after a small oil leak was discovered on the left engine.

All nine people aboard were pulled alive from the wreckage by Good Samaritans, but Fortin died in hospital five hours later.

He is survived by his wife, Dagne, and 16-month-old daughter, Katelyn. A Dagne and Katelyn Trust Fund has been set up through a TD Canada Trust branch in North Vancouver.

Five other people remain in hospital, including co-pilot Matt Robic, 26, who remains in intensive care at the Vancouver General Hospital with burns to 80 per cent of his body.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, but officials from the Transportation Safety Board have recovered the plane's flight recorder.

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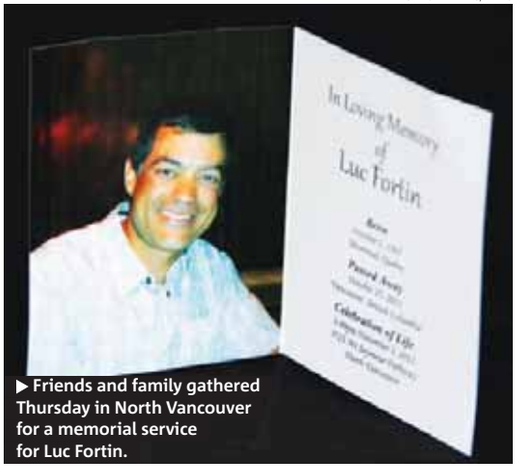

▶ Friends and family gathered Thursday in North Vancouver for a memorial service for Luc Fortin.

Lead investigator Bill Yearwood said he has heard the final cockpit conversation before the plane went down and says his team has gathered "valuable" information.

But he said it will take some time to analyze the data as he continues to interview passengers and witnesses for more details.

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▶ The 99-B Line bus at Commercial SkyTrain station.

Vision puts service before streetcar

Emphasis on expanding service and working on future Broadway line

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Substance over style.

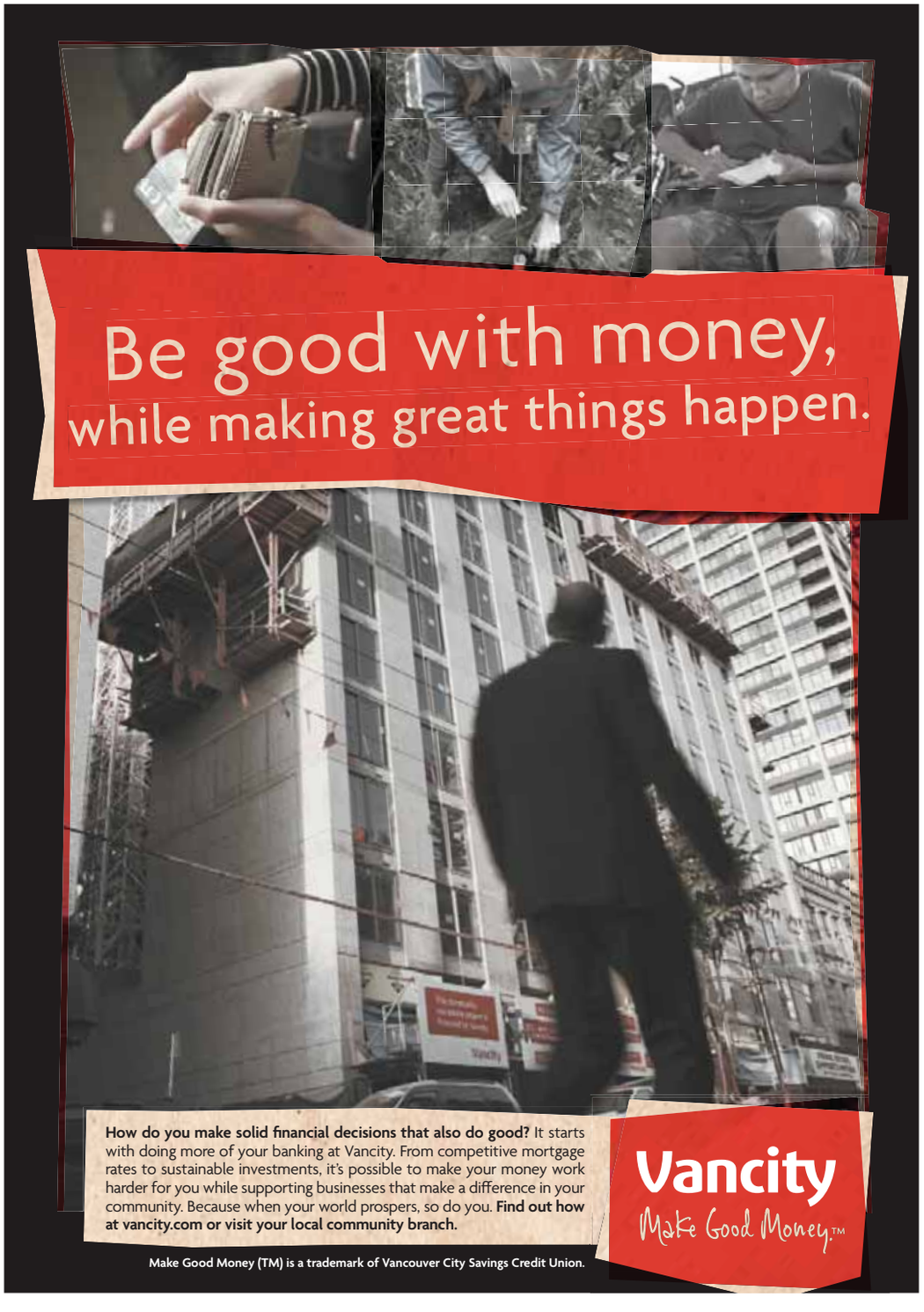
That's the approach Vision Vancouver is taking after unveiling its transit platform Thursday.

While NPA mayoral challenger Suzanne Anton is pushing a new streetcar in False Creek, the Vision plan is devoid of show-stopping, big-ticket items.

Coun. Geoff Meggs says the emphasis will be on increasing transit service, particularly during late nights and along the crowded Broadway corridor.

"Our commitment is for real practical measures," Meggs said.

He said Vision intends to lobby TransLink for a future rapid-transit line along Broadway. The line doesn't have to come at the expense of other municipalities and their transit needs, the councillor added.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Gas-and-dash killer gets second chance at parole

7km Grant De Patie was dragged to his death more than seven kilometres under a stolen car.

The 22-year-old who dragged a Maple Ridge, B.C., gas attendant to his death is being released to a Victoria halfway house Friday.

It's the second chance at parole for Darnell Pratt, who was given statutory release in June 2010, but lost his freedom just 48 hours later when he missed curfew.

Pratt's latest release carries more than a dozen conditions, including mandatory counselling for mental-health issues.

He was convicted in 2005 and given a six-year sentence for the manslaughter of Grant De Patie, who was dragged more than seven kilometres under a stolen car after being hit while trying to stop a so-called gas-and-dash.

Pratt, who was just 16 when De Patie died, has had several violent outbursts while behind bars, and the parole board lists him as a moderate risk to commit further crimes.

De Patie's father, Grant De Patie, says he's hopeful Pratt will become a productive member of society, but doubts the young man can handle that responsibility.

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Commissioner to probe RCMP shooting

The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner announced Thursday it will take the unprecedented step of reviewing an RCMP shooting.

After pleas from the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and permission from Vancouver police and the RCMP, the office will be allowed to probe an investigator's decision not to lay charges in the Langley police-involved shooting death of Jeffrey James Alvin Wright. Wright was shot and killed by a Mountie during a police incident in 2010.

Vancouver police handled the external investigation and decided this week that no criminal charges were necessary against the office involved. The OPCC will review the decision to ensure "transparency and accountability associated with this tragic incident."

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Falun Gong takes city to court

Falun Gong practitioners say bylaw that forced them to take down political structures is 'unconstitutional'

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▶ David Eby of the BCCLA

Falun Gong practitioners and B.C. Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) representatives launched a lawsuit against the City of Vancouver on Thursday, calling on the B.C. Supreme Court to clarify a city bylaw.

In 2006, practitioners of Falun Gong — a modern-spiritual discipline — erected a hut on the sidewalk outside the Chinese consulate on Granville Street and West 16th Avenue. The city was granted an injunction and the hut was removed under a bylaw prohibiting political structures to be built on city streets.

The group is taking the matter to the B.C. Supreme Court to force amendments to the bylaw in order to make it less ambiguous.

The BCCLA and practitioners believe there is a double standard because, they argue, Occupy Vancouver's tent city is also violation of the bylaw.

"We don't want a double standard, and that's the risk with this bylaw," said David Eby, executive director of the BCCLA.

"When the government attempts to intervene, they run into the risk of differential application of the same bylaw."

The City of Vancouver did not have a chance to look at the legal documents surrounding the case, and was therefore unable to comment on the issue, a spokeswoman said.

Mr. October

▶ Police service dog Knight is Mr. October for the 2012 Vancouver Police Department dog-squad calendar.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Calendar dogs strike poses for charity

The dog-squad calendar is a fundraising initiative started by retired VPD sergeant Mike Anfield in support of the Candy Anfield Memorial Foundation, which honours his wife, Candy, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2004. Proceeds go to the B.C. Cancer Agency and the B.C. Children's Hospital Foundation.

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No link in teen suicides

COMOX VALLEY. A coroner says there are few similarities in the suicide deaths of five teenagers in the Comox Valley over the last two years.

The three boys and two girls were between 14 and 17, with the first death in 2009.

Vancouver Island coroner Matt Brown says none of them gave any indication they were planning to commit suicide, none had a lengthy history of mental health problems or substance abuse and there was no evidence of bullying.

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PG fire causes evacuation

PRINCE GEORGE. An apartment fire forced the evacuation of a 12-storey building early this morning.

Flames were reported in a fifth floor suite at about 6:30 a.m., and thick smoke quickly filled the high rise, forcing several dozen residents out into sub-zero temperatures.

Firefighters are still determining what caused the blaze.

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Police bust U.S. lotto scam

SURREY. Mounties and the U.S. postal service have teamed up to bust a lottery scam targeting American residents.

Surrey resident Rommy Romeo Louis has been charged with seven counts of fraud and one of threatening a witness.

Investigators say the scam raked in $750,000 over nine months.

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Inquiry grants protection

- Sex workers who testify at Pickton probe to be granted protection
- Commissioner says value of testimony outweighs possible concerns

Sex workers will be allowed to testify at the public inquiry into the Robert Pickton murder case without having their names published, the former judge overseeing the hearings ruled Thursday.

The witnesses also don't have to appear in person to be cross-examined by police lawyers.

"I think the overall objective here has to be to encourage those people who feel marginal and who may feel intimidated by the process — and we've heard ample evidence of that — to come forward," said Commissioner Wally Oppal.

"I think it's in the public interest that they come forward and participate."

Jason Gratl, an independent lawyer appointed to represent the broad interests of the Downtown Eastside, put forward an application that included a number of measures to protect vulnerable witnesses — all of which were adopted by Oppal.

JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

▶ Wally Oppal was named commissioner of the province's Missing Women Inquiry in September 2010.

Under the proposal, the names of sex workers and sexual assault victims will be covered by publication bans.

They will be allowed to provide evidence through written affidavits, preventing aggressive cross-examination by lawyers for the police, prosecutors or others.

Participants such as the police will be able to apply to cross-examine witnesses if they can demonstrate that is necessary, particularly for witnesses that allege wrongdoing. If Oppal decides a cross-examination is warranted, the witness would then have a choice: appear in person or withdraw their affidavit.

The Vancouver police, its union and the RCMP all opposed the application, specifically the blanket order allowing affidavit testimony.

They argued such measures should be determined on a case-by-case basis, and said it would be unfair to prevent them from cross-examining witnesses who are critical of police.

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Health-care costs double in a decade

- Some specialities paid too much
- Physician fees add to burden

Health-care costs in Canada doubled over the past decade and will cross the $200-billion mark this year, a report released Thursday reveals.

The report shows, though, that the growth in health-care spending has actually started to slow, after rising at an average of seven per cent a year during the period from 1998 to 2008.

Health-care spending will increase by four per cent this year, the lowest percentage increase in the past 15 years, says the report, from the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

A key driver of the rising costs is what the system pays doctors. And with medical schools geared up to churn out substantially more physicians in coming years, the system could be heading for a perfect storm, a health consultant who studied the report predicts.

"The pig is moving through the python. We're starting to see the first effects of greatly increasing enrolment in medical school — the pouring out of new graduates."
STEVEN LEWIS, A CONSULTANT BASED IN SASKATOON

Steven Lewis says medical schools in the country have increased enrolments by 75 per cent over the past decade.

As those doctors graduate, Canada is moving from a state of under-supply to one of over-supply — at least in the cities.

Small towns and rural settings are still plagued by a shortage of physicians.

The report dispelled the notion that the greying of the Canadian population is behind the substantial rise in health-care costs.

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▶ A boy sits in floodwater next to garbage bins in Bangkok on Thursday.

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Skin diseases plague victims

Skin diseases and fungal infections are the Thai flood's biggest plague so far with nearly 100,000 cases of athlete's foot reported. Bouts of diarrhea and respiratory infections are also common, especially with many flood victims sheltering together in hot, cramped sites that may not have electricity or clean water.

Froth flies over Remembrance Day drinkfest

Having a pint on Remembrance Day to salute Canadian veterans is a time-honoured tradition, but students at New Brunswick Community College have taken things a draught too far, critics say.

An invitation to hit 11 bars in 11 hours in Saint John has not gone down well with some. Others, however, are taking the attitude of live and let live – including the Royal Canadian Legion.

"The person who organized it just happens to be a student of ours … it definitely isn't something we would ever encourage," said Sonya Gilks, a spokesperson for the college.

It didn't take long for the phones lines at New 88.9 all news radio in Saint John to light up with angry callers, said the stations talk show producer Shaun MacKenzie.

Unlike elsewhere in Canada, New Brunswickers are still given the day off on Remembrance Day, MacKenzie said. "People felt it was very disrespectful (to mark Nov. 11) that way," he said.

Edward Jenkins, a 30-year-old mechanical engineering technology student at New Brunswick Community College and main organizer, could not be reached by the Toronto Star. He did tell the local newspaper, however, that he thought that drinking from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. was "clever."

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On Facebook

▶ Organizers of the 11-hour drinkfest posted the event on Facebook. They later tried to blunt the negative reaction by calling the bar-hopping session the Uptown Tour.

Ferguson gets Commons approval

The Conservative government has used its majority in the House of Commons to formally approve the appointment of Michael Ferguson as auditor general.

The 153-94 vote passed without the participation of the Liberals.

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Military funeral for rescuer

A full military funeral will be held Saturday in Quebec for a search-and-rescue technician who died during a mission in Nunavut.

Sgt. Janick Gilbert died Oct. 27 while he and two other rescue technicians were trying to rescue two men stranded in a boat in choppy water. The funeral is set for CFB Valcartier on Saturday afternoon.

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Teen dies in workplace accident

A workplace accident northeast of Edmonton has killed an 18-year-old employee of a transportation company.

RCMP say the man was run over by a tractor-trailer on Wednesday night at an industrial site in Strathcona County. Police say the man was in an unloading dock when a fellow employee who didn't know he was there backed over him. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

PHOTO AND BANANA ART: KEISUKE YAMADA/REX FEATURES

▶ Self-taught artist Keisuke Yamada turns bananas into detailed sculptures. This image shows his intricate piece Banana Poseidon.

Bananas as art? Power fruit indeed

Creations include Homer Simpson, Kate Middleton

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Armed with a toothpick and a scraper, Keisuke Yamada turns your ordinary bunch of bananas into intricate sculptures of art.

Yamada, 23, is an electrician by day and fruit carver by night. His art became a viral sensation in his native Japan after images of banana busts of Kate Middleton and Homer Simpson circulated the Internet.

Yamada explained why he began sculpting bananas.

"I often used to buy bananas for my mom, so there were a lot of bananas at home," he said.

"One day I was a little bored, so I began to carve out the face of an anime character in the fruit. So out of boredom, I am happy that people can say that this is art."

After feasting your eyes on this depiction of Poseidon with five horse companions, you could say the two hours Yamada spent sculpting this really bore fruit. Yamada worked fast to finish before the bananas got spoiled.

"To stop the rotting process, my secret is to douse the banana with some lemon juice," Yamada said.

Asked if his fruity figures are completely edible — with no funny glue on them — Yamada replied, "Yes, they're edible alright, but Poseidon's arms are made from toothpicks, so there are some 'bones' there."

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Roll back the clock Sunday

As clocks fall back, survey asks how people would spend extra hours

Sleep, sweep or spend quality time.

That's what most Canadians say they would do with just one extra hour, according to a new Angus Reid survey.

With the clocks set to fall back an hour this weekend, the survey found a quarter of Canadians would take that hour to invest time in their relationships, while a nearly equal number would choose to catch up on chores or get some added shuteye, at 24 and 22 per cent respectively.

Six per cent would pursue personal interests or hobbies, five per cent would devote their precious hour to community service, and a mere three per cent said they would work. METRO

Hour of Power

- **In a bid to inspire people to** make time to volunteer, Big Brothers Big Sisters and FedEx Express Canada, which commissioned the survey, invite Canadians to join a Facebook discussion about the power of a single hour to change lives and strengthen communities, at bbbsc.ca/facebook.

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What would you do with an extra hour? Register and take the Quick Poll online at metropolitanpanel.ca.

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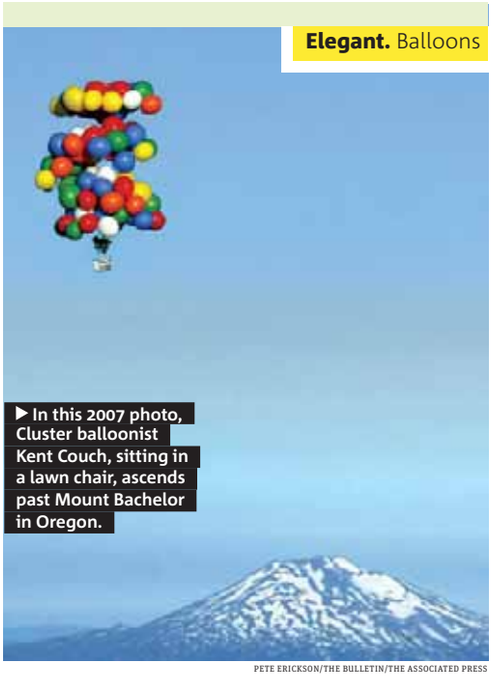

▶ In this 2007 photo, Cluster balloonist Kent Couch, sitting in a lawn chair, ascends past Mount Bachelor in Oregon.

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Balloon man flies again

Bend, Ore., gas station owner Kent Couch, who floated to Idaho in 2008 in a lawn chair, is planning another cluster-balloon adventure in Baghdad.

Divorced man sues to recreate wedding

A New York City man has filed a lawsuit seeking $48,000 to recreate his 2003 wedding, even though the marriage ended in divorce.

The New York Times reports that Todd Remis sued H & H Photographers claiming that the photographers missed the last dance and the bouquet toss.

An owner of H & H Photographers called the case "an abuse of the legal system."

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The numbers

- **Remis wants to be repaid** the $4,100 cost of the photography.
- **He also wants $48,000 to** recreate the entire wedding and fly the principals to New York so the celebration can be re-shot by another photographer.
- **The studio says that** might be difficult since the bride has returned to her native Latvia.

Taxi's special delivery

A Winnipeg taxi driver delivered one more passenger than he was counting on when a pregnant woman gave birth in his vehicle.

Ranjodh Punia picked up the expectant mother Tuesday morning for a trip to the city's St. Boniface Hospital. He had to pull over on the way there and call an ambulance when the woman gave birth.

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority says the mother and baby are fine.

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‘People thought he was such a good person’

Victim expresses mixed feelings as viral video of beating by father viewed by some 2 million people

Hillary Adams says that until last week, only a couple of close friends knew about the savage beating she received seven years ago from her father, a Texas judge who handles child abuse cases.

Now the beating is on display to the world on YouTube thanks to a secret video she made, and her father, Aransas County Court-at-Law Judge William Adams, is the subject of a police investigation.

349 William Adams, Aransas County’s top judge, was elected in 2001 and has dealt with at least 349 family law cases in the past year alone, nearly 50 of which involved state caseworkers seeking to determine whether parents were fit to raise their children.

Hillary Adams, 23, says the outpouring of support and encouragement she’s received since posting the 2004 video online last week is tempered by the sadness that it’s her father lashing her 17 times with a belt and threatening to beat her “into submission.” The eight-minute video had been watched nearly two million times by Thursday morning.

“I’m experiencing some regret because I just pulled the covers off my own father’s misbehaviour after so many people thought he was such a good person.... But so many people are also telling me I did the right thing,” she told The Associated Press outside her mother’s home in the Gulf Coast town of Portland, near Corpus Christi.

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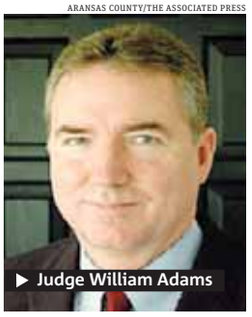

▶ Judge William Adams

The judge did not return an AP reporter’s call seeking comment early yesterday.

Police in Rockport, where the 51-year-old judge lives, opened an investigation Wednesday after receiving calls from several concerned citizens, police Chief Tim Jayroe said.

Corpus Christi television station KZTV caught up with the judge while he was getting into his vehicle Wednesday, and he confirmed it was him in the video. But he said it “looks worse than it is” and that he doesn’t expect to be disciplined.

“In my mind, I haven’t done anything wrong other than discipline my child after she was caught stealing,” Adams said. “And I did lose my temper, but I’ve since apologized.”

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Complaints on rise in Canada

Wireless biz draws biggest gripes

Got a gripe with the phone company? Trouble with the Internet? An argument over data-usage billings? You're not alone.

A lot more Canadians than ever before are complaining about telecom services to a four-year-old watchdog agency set up to mediate between consumers and the industry.

The commissioner for complaints to telecommunications services says complaints jumped by 114 per cent in 2010-11 over the previous year, to more than 8,000.

The agency is an independent body established by the federal government in 2007 to resolve consumer complaints against telecom companies.

The agency says most of the 8,007 complaints it fielded this year were about wireless services and almost all of these were about billing errors or contract disputes.

It suggests that much of the increase in the number of complaints is due to growing public awareness of the agency. It says the numbers are likely to increase after a recent CRTC decision expanded the agency's mandate to cover all telecom service providers.

In its annual report, it said charges for data usage drew complaints from consumers who don't know the limits of their plans or how much data they use.

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Gripe busters

- In one case, a business had its phone system breached by hackers who ran up $20,000 in calls.
- The agency found that the terms of service for the business phone didn't lay out the customer's liability in such a case. The charges were eventually waived.

Credit. Crunch

▶ Molly Katchpole, 22, is seen in her Washington apartment on Thursday. Katchpole, who lives paycheque to paycheque, launched an online petition when the Bank of America announced it would increase monthly debit fees to $5.

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Big bank backs down

More than 300,000 people have signed Katchpole's petition. On Tuesday, the nation's second-largest bank backed down. Now Katchpole, a recent grad, who holds down two part-time jobs — one of them as a nanny — is being credited for ending the fee.

Software update will boost iPhone battery life

Apple Inc. says there is a problem with its latest mobile operating system that is shortening the battery life of iPhones, iPads and iPods that use the software.

Spokeswoman Natalie Harrison said Wednesday that a small number of customers have reported lower-than-expected battery life on devices running on the company's iOS 5 operating system.

She said Apple has found bugs in the program and will release a software update to address them in a few weeks.

The latest iPhone, the 4S, comes with iOS 5.

Other devices can be upgraded to run the software: The iPhone 3GS or 4, iPads and an iPod Touch released in September 2009 or later.

Apple shares added $1.59 to $399 in aftermarket trading. Shares ended the regular session up 41 cents at $397.41.

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Occupy protesters disavow violence

Oakland becomes rallying point as other cities display their support

Occupy Wall Street protesters had just a few hours to celebrate what they saw as their biggest victory so far: The peaceful shutdown of the nation's fifth-busiest port. Then the rioting began.

A day after some protesters clashed with riot police, set fires and shattered windows in Oakland, Calif., demonstrators across the country condemned the violence and wondered whether it was a turn that would destroy their cause.

"They don't speak for the majority of people who were here yesterday," said Hadas Alterman, a college student who was gathering trash at a tent camp near Oakland City Hall. "That was an hour of action, and we were out here for 12 hours and it was peaceful."

The protest outside the port, which reopened Thursday, represented an escalation in tactics as demonstrators targeted a major symbol of the nation's commerce with peaceful rallies and sit-ins.

The violence that followed, however, raised questions about whether a movement with no organizational structure and no high-profile leaders can do anything to stop those they called troublemakers.

So far, few cities have reached the level of Oakland. Police arrested more than 80 protesters.

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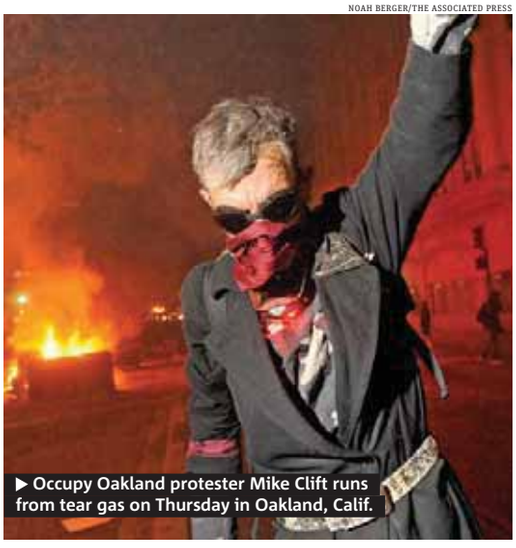

▶ Occupy Oakland protester Mike Clift runs from tear gas on Thursday in Oakland, Calif.

Camp attracts undesirables

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Adam Smolcic, an Occupy Ottawa protester, who spoke about violence on a YouTube video, said things have quieted down since one aggressor — who Smolcic said is a drug addict who repeatedly sexually groped a male protester — was removed from the camp on Friday.

"We asked him to leave and he became hostile. He came out of his tent with syringes sticking out of his pocket," said Smolcic. "When he jumped back in his tent we didn't know what he was going to do, so the victim and myself and another person just grabbed his tent and removed it from the property with him in it.

"It was the most non-violent thing we could do. The victim did not want to call the police, he didn't want to bring that kind of press here, that was his call," he added.

The movement has attracted people with mental-health and addiction problems, including a woman who self harms.

Smolcic and another protester said they would like to see the camp have access to a trained mental-health team. In the meantime, there's an ongoing debate among the Occupiers about when — and how — troublesome people should be evicted from the camp.

"When there's word that goes around on the street that there's a camp that will give you free food, a tent and blankets, no matter who you are, we tend to attract the most desperate and needy people," said Smolcic.

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Greek opposition leader calls for prime minister to resign

Opposition suggests transitional government to safeguard debt deal

Demanding that the prime minister resign, the main Greek opposition leader led his party in a dramatic walkout Thursday during a parliamentary debate about the viability of the government.

Antonis Samaras' statements came amid an intense political crisis in Greece, after Prime Minister George Papandreou shocked the country, European leaders and financial markets earlier this week by saying he wanted to put a hard-fought new European debt deal to a popular vote.

World markets tanked as investors fretted over the prospect of Greece being forced into a disorderly default or out of the 17-nation eurozone.

Papandreou abandoned that plan Thursday as the uproar spread even to his own ruling Socialist party.

Greece's new debt deal would give the country an extra $138 billion US in rescue loans from the rest of the eurozone and the International Monetary Fund — on top of the $152 billion it was granted a year ago. It would also see banks forgive Athens 50 per cent of the money it still owes them.

The goal is to reduce Greece's massive debts to the point where the country is able to handle its finances without constant bailouts.

Samaras, the opposition leader, did not indicate whether he would vote in favour of the deal when it comes before parliament.

But he claimed that he had said from the start that the latest European agreement was "unavoidable."

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▶ Socialist lawmaker Eva Kaili, centre, chats prior to the Greek prime minister's speech to his members of parliament in Athens on Thursday.

Turmoil in Greece

▶ Greek PM George Papandreou ignored widespread calls for his resignation but withdrew the referendum plan, with his finance minister saying there was no longer need for one as the opposition indicated it backed the debt deal. But opposition leader Antonis Samaras said Papandreou had misunderstood.

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Debt talks moving forward: Harper

French President Nicolas Sarkozy issued a dark warning against the "explosion" of Europe on Thursday even as Greece appeared to pull back from a referendum plan that's undermining a crucial financial bailout.

But while Sarkozy was raising the spectre of Europe's devastating 20th century wars, Prime Minister Stephen Harper offered a more soothing take, saying "cooler heads will prevail."

The extraordinary day of fast-moving events came as G20 leaders, including Harper, began 24 hours of talks aimed at stabilizing the global economy and avoiding another world recession.

Harper told Canadian reporters that contingency plans for Greece's exit from the eurozone were discussed during talks Thursday afternoon, but that events in Athens appeared to be moving in the right direction.

"My expectation is that cooler heads will prevail and the (bailout) package will be accepted and we'll move forward on that basis," he said.

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▶ Stephen Harper with France's Nicolas Sarkozy

Amazon launches Kindle library

Amazon.com said Thursday that it is starting a lending library for Kindle owners, letting them borrow one electronic book per month.

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1 **Count it:** This week, the UN Population Fund announced the world's seven-billionth person, but when other census groups differed, the UN admitted the number was only an estimate. It seems they might just be off by 20 or so million people. No biggie. Do you think I can get one of those guys to do my taxes?

2 **1-on-1:** JAMOP (Just a Minute of Possibility) is an organization dedicated to uniting everyone toward the common goal of peace.

Their symbol, 11:11 points to a climactic milestone next Friday 11/11/2011 at 11:11 (See JAMOP.com).

The notion of the 1s is that if one person, in one minute, with one action can make a change, then imagine what we could achieve if everyone entered one universal, simultaneous plea. Who could argue with that, right? Religious leaders are dismissing it as we speak.

3 **Pass the Plato:** In 2010, "austerity" was named Word of the Year by Merriam-Webster. Coincidentally, the term is derived from the ancient Greek phrase meaning "Put it on my tab."

4 **The Tortoise and his hair:** Last year, Lady Gaga became the first artist to reach a billion hits on YouTube, but Justin Bieber surpassed her on his way to two billion. It was actually more impressive before I discovered that five billion people did NOT view him (give or take 20 million).

5 **Never-lasting love:** News of the Kardashian breakup has left us all in shock. Kris Humphries' three-year NBA contract pays him $3.2 million per year, but the NBA lockout has left him lacking. Kim, understandably irritated from the pressure of being their sole provider for what seemed like weeks, was quoted as saying, "Stop mooching, get off your ass and go to work." Can someone remind me what she does for a living?

6 **What time is it?:** It's Movember again. Time to get your 'stache on! Decisions: Do I go with the pencil-thin lip-liner? the thick '70s-porno look? Fu Manchu? handlebar? We know the Charlie Chaplin is out (requires too much explanation). I think the more important question is, on what basis does the idea of the moustache correlate to the prostate? On second thought, I don't want to know.

7 **Required by law:** Despite consistently violating probation, Lindsay Lohan manages to avoid jail time. Nevertheless, she has definitely learned a lesson: that her lawyers are better than Martha Stewart's but not quite as good as Casey Anthony's.

8 **Dazed and confused:** Health Canada is lobbying to shift the responsibility of approving medical marijuana away from themselves and over to our doctors. Representatives at Frito-Lay and Nabisco say they wholeheartedly support the decision.

9 **On the bright side:** I have a year to re-evaluate next year's Halloween costume. My wife and I were thinking of going as Jay-Z and Beyoncé, but now we're not so sure.

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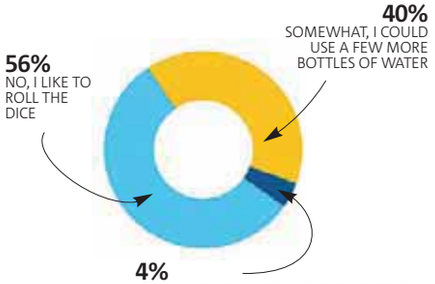

Local tweets

- **@freyburg:** Downtown Van HMV to close, no surprise. @mel_something's take: "there'll be a crappy Asian fusion restaurant there before you know it" :)
- **@ubcnews:** The green/living wall on the front of #CIRS provides shade in the summer to keep the building cool. #UBC
- **@MyVancouver:** New Emily Carr Paintings at the Vancouver Art Gallery ow.ly/7hXgr
- **@GregKills:** Just read the giant HMV on Robson in Vancouver is closing this summer. HMV on Yonge St in TO likely by 2012. #NoMoreCDs
- **@DannyDanha:** #Occupy Vancouver protester treated for drug overdose. You think it's time to end this and stop spending taxpayer $?soc.li/oCd8Znm
- **@D_Brenz:** The irony of an Occupy Vancouver protester ODing on narcotics at 9:30am today cannot be described in a 140 character tweet #latercredability
- **@Adam_Stirling:** Media report being pushed and shoved at Vancouver #Occupy protest. Is the end near??

Letters

RE: Tent removal no easy task, published Nov. 2

I can't see how removal of people camping on a city owned property is not an easy thing to end.

If I was to pitch a tent in the middle of the grass in English Bay, or say maybe in front of GM Place with a few of my friends, I can't imagine staying there all that long before being asked to leave and ticketed. Or is it that easy? I hope not!

If these protesters are so set on protesting for the cause they are there for, and are doing so at a high cost to the city — why not just unplug them — literally! Why are they allowed to plug in and suck the energy and money out of the Vancouver Art Gallery?

Unplug them. Fine, they can stay and camp all they want if Vancouver doesn't see a means of making them leave — but they can't use the gallery for electricity.

I don't see why we are allowing them to suck resources and money out of a system already with a tight budget for sake of 'their right to be heard'. They have been heard, we get it, live there on your own accord or move on.

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photo of the day

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▶ This photo, titled Peaceful Morning was submitted to the Imagination category by ottawaguy.

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WEIRD NEWS

Just kidding! I'm not an illegal immigrant

An American man who claimed to be an illegal immigrant from Mexico to avoid going to prison is now wanted by police.

Jaime Alvarado, 27, of Salt Lake City, was charged in Utah for giving false material statements.

The charges stem from a 2010 arrest when Alvarado told police, a Utah state courts judge and federal immigration officials that he was actually Saul Quiroz and had emigrated from Mexico illegally. At the time, Alvarado was facing up to 15 years in prison for the possession of cocaine and heroin with the intent to distribute.

Instead of going to prison, Alvarado was deported to Mexico based on his false identity, according to court records. But he then returned to the United States using his American passport and earlier this year was arrested on an outstanding warrant connected to his guilty plea.

On Feb. 3, Alvarado acknowledged during a court hearing that he had lied about his identity.

The case was turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement who determined that Alvarado was a legal citizen and released him in June. A $50,000 warrant was issued Oct. 31 for his arrest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Synopsis

- Allan Alda is Arthur Shaw, a Bernie Madoff character whose Ponzi scheme defrauded his clients out of millions of dollars. Among those burned were the employees of his luxury high rise. Having lost his pension plan, the building's manager Josh Kovacs (Ben Stiller) concocts a plan to break into Shaw's apartment and steal his $20 million stash. When his posse of employees prove to be less than criminally adept, Kovacs brings in an old friend and ex-con, Slide (Eddie Murphy), to help.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕½
  Mark: ⊕⊕⊕

▶ Eddie Murphy and Ben Stiller star in Tower Heist.

Reel Guys

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Stealing laughs

Fine ensemble of comedy actors saves the hackneyed plot of Tower Heist

Richard: Mark, it's nice to see Eddie Murphy in a movie that allows him to drop his beloved family entertainer guise and bring back some of the bravado that we loved in movies like 48 Hours. It's just too bad the movie feels like it was made 30 years ago. Despite its Bernie Madoff storyline it feels old-fashioned.

MB: Of course it feels old-fashioned. It's an Eddie Murphy movie circa 1990. If not for the hairstyles, you could almost believe it was an unreleased film from that era finally freed from some legal limbo. But you have to admit, it's great to see Murphy doing the kind of work he should have been doing over the last two decades. So, sure the plot feels hackneyed. But it's the fine ensemble cast that makes this thing click. My favourite? Matthew Broderick. Yours, Richard?

RC: For me it was Michael Pena. Great comic timing, perpetual dazed look on his face. He and Murphy were the high points for me. It was interesting, however, to see Ben Stiller as the straight man to Murphy's wisecracks. Loved hearing Murphyisms like, "I will blow your face clean off your face!"

MB: Well, I haven't liked Stiller in anything for quite a while, and I appreciated his comic restraint here, penance perhaps for all his shameless mugging in those Night at The Museum movies. I will admit the whole enterprise does have a retro vibe, including Tea Leoni and Alan Alda in key roles, but Gabourey Sidibe freshens up the cast in a comic turn a million light years from what she did in Precious.

RC: She is a pleasant surprise. I just couldn't shake the feeling that the actual robbery, despite a few twists here and there, was completely unbelievable. I don't mind suspending part of my disbelief but the sheer lunacy of the crime took me out of the movie.

MB: I went with it because it was fun, if not credible. But I must say I enjoy the irony of any film that critiques the class system in America starring actors each worth half a billion dollars.

2 scene

Scene in brief

A documentary about Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan will be screened online for free on Remembrance Day. The National Film Board of Canada says The Van Doos in Afghanistan will be available for 24 hours at nfb.ca/22 on Nov. 11.
It was shot in March 2011 during ground operations in Afghanistan. METRO

Stephen King covers the horror — real and imagined — of Kennedy's assassination.

Movie reviews

A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas

Genre: Comedy
Director: Todd Strauss-Schulson
Stars: Kal Penn, John Cho, Neil Patrick Harris
●●●

Say this much for a Very Harold and Kumar 3D Christmas: It certainly helps you forget the duo's second outing, Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay, ever happened. This time around, the loveable honour roll stoners (John Cho and Kal Penn) are dealing with growing older and growing apart and taking on the holidays. The brisk comedy works best when it walks that fine line between skewering holiday classics and reveling in downright filth. It's a careful balance, and the filmmakers don't always maintain it. (A tribute to a key scene in a Christmas Story involving a frozen pole and one of Harold's more sensitive areas is particularly line-crossing.) But all in all, it's good filthy fun.

Of course, what everyone's really here for is some naughty Neil Patrick Harris action, as his cameo in the first film helped make it a cult classic and relaunch his career. And he doesn't disappoint here, poking fun at his public image and even getting husband David Burtka in on the fun. His slice of screen time, including a festive, kick-line-filled song and dance followed by NPH sexually assaulting a Rockette, is the highlight of the film. **NED EHRBAR**

The Way

Genre: Drama
Director: Emilio Estevez
Stars: Emilio Estevez, Martin Sheen, Deborah Kara Unger
●●●½

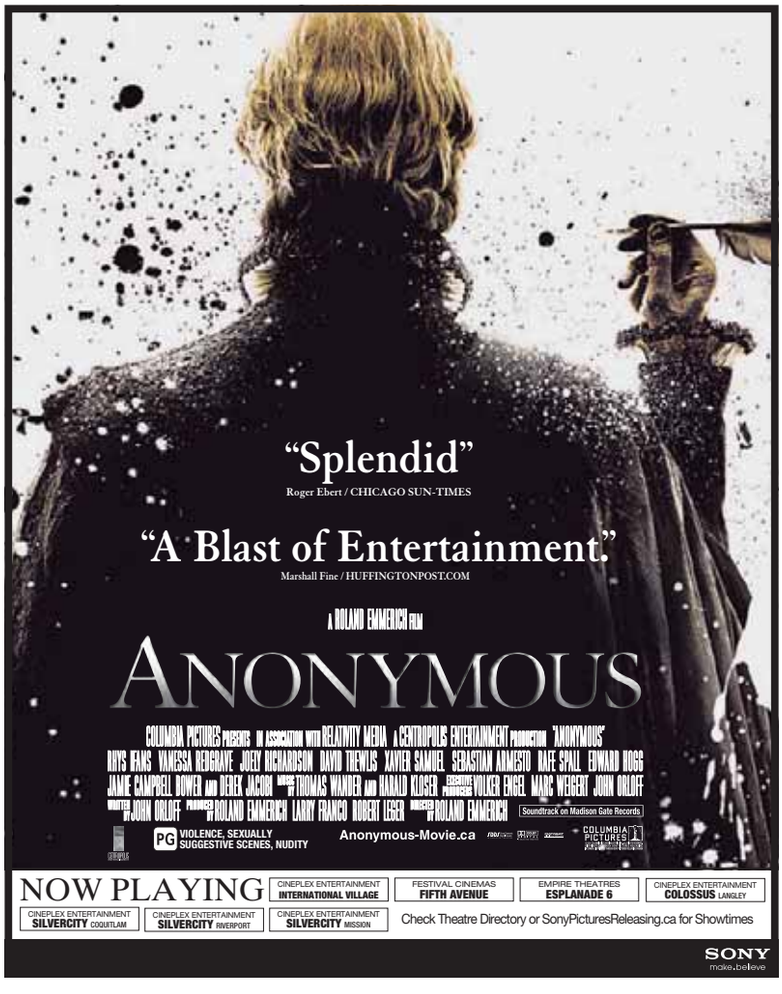
In The Way Martin Sheen plays Tom, a complacent optometrist whose adult son (played by his real-life son Emilio Estevez, who also directed) is killed in a freak accident while making a spiritual journey on the El camino de Santiago from France to Spain. After collecting his son's ashes in France Tom decides to continue his son's journey and walk the 800 plus kilometre pilgrimage.

Estevez has made a heartfelt, life-affirming film with beautiful scenery, complex characters but just a few too many walking montages. The characters walk and walk, which is fine because mostly they are going somewhere both physically and mentally, but fewer steps might have made for a tighter film. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Circumstance

Genre: Drama
Director: Maryam Keshavarz
Stars: Nikohl Boosheri, Sarah Kazemy
●●½

An impassioned but underwhelming drama, Circumstance concerns a pair of Tehranian teens in love. The twist — and the problem, given the nature of the theocratic state in which they live — is that they're both girls. As a portrait of tentative, burgeoning attraction, the film has its moments, but a late turn into thriller territory strains narrative credibility and first-time filmmaker Maryam Keshavarz's abilities to their breaking point. **ADAM NAYMAN**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Le Havre
Genre: Comedy
Director: Aki Kaurismaki
Stars: Andrew Wilms, Kati Outinen
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The Finnish director Aki Kaurismaki is a kind of dour deadpan genius, and if Le Havre isn't quite as funny as his previous work, it's no less charming. Set in a French port city shot and lit to look like a Hollywood backlot, the film concerns a kind old shoe shine man (Andre Wilms) who becomes the guardian of a foreign-born orphan; as the community rallies around a vulnerable outsider, Kaurismaki crafts a utopian portrait of an inclusive, generous European society. The climax, set at a benefit concert featuring a wizened local rock and roller, is ecstatic and hilarious.
ADAM NAYMAN

Die
Genre: Thriller
Director: Aki Ka
Stars: John Pyper-Ferguson, Emily Hampshire
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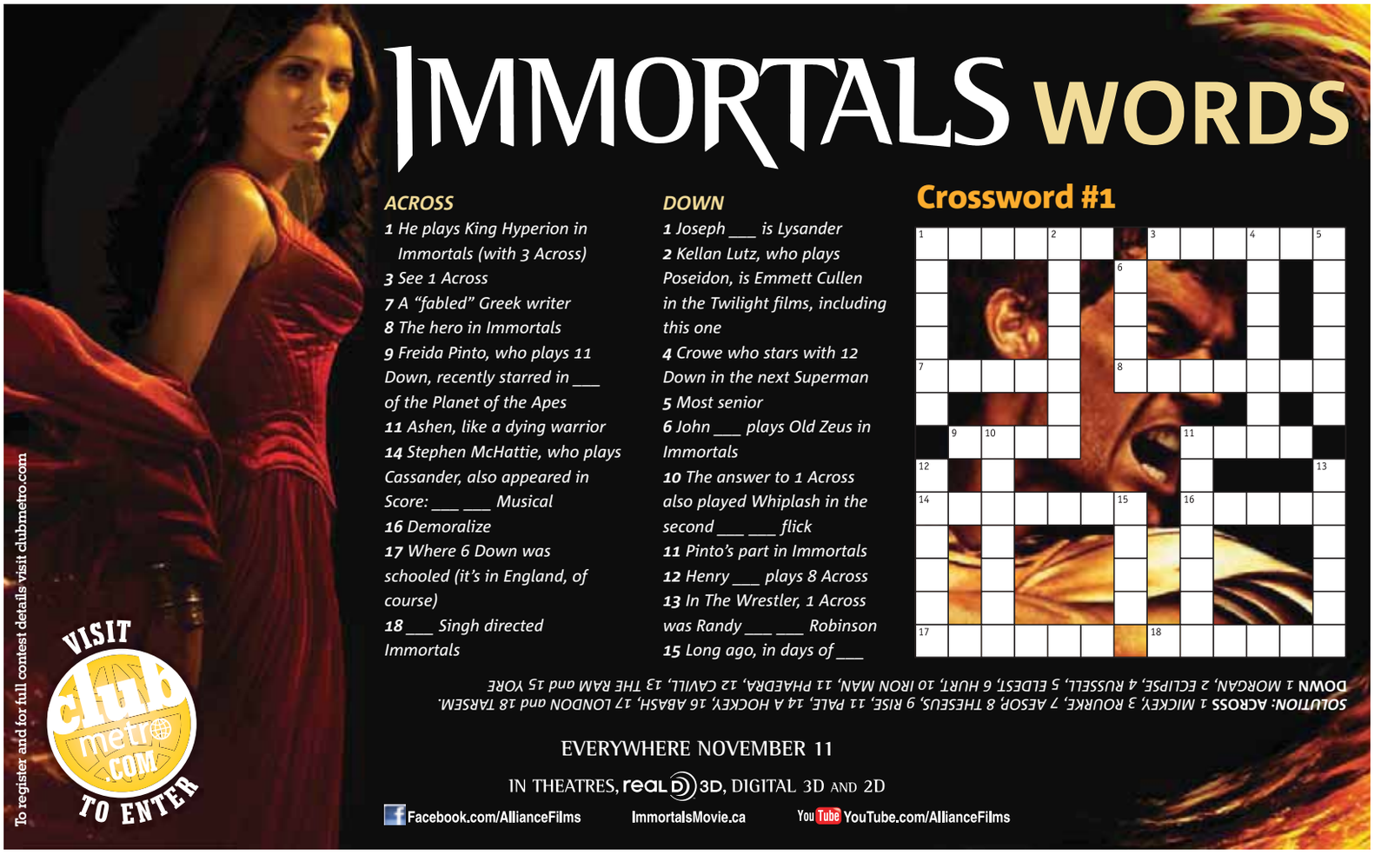
The title of Die is a double-entendre, referring both to the tumbling, six-sided board game piece and the fate of those who don't roll it right. The preposterous, Saw-biting set-up — a moralizing psycho kidnaps six sad people and has them play games of chance for their lives — isn't even the problem; it's the limp execution that fails to generate one true scare or genuinely uncomfortable moment. This is a thriller that comes up snake eyes.
ADAM NAYMAN

The Skin I Live In
Genre: Drama
Director: Pedro Almodovar
Stars: Antonio Banderas, Elena Anaya
◍◍◍½
Pedro Almodovar films may not be for everyone but The Skin I Live In will surely turn a few moviegoers off. In the gender-bending thriller, Antonio Banderas wonderfully plays a geneticist testing an artificial skin on a woman he keeps locked in his house. While most Almodovar films aren't what they seem, this drama has a particular twist and while he adds one too may subplots, Skin is still seductively satisfying.
STEVE GOW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11 Ashen, like a dying warrior
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16 Demoralize
17 Where 6 Down was schooled (it's in England, of course)
18 ___ Singh directed Immortals
DOWN
1 Joseph ___ is Lysander
2 Kellan Lutz, who plays Poseidon, is Emmett Cullen in the Twilight films, including this one
4 Crowe who stars with 12 Down in the next Superman
5 Most senior
6 John ___ plays Old Zeus in Immortals
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11 Pinto's part in Immortals
12 Henry ___ plays 8 Across
13 In The Wrestler, 1 Across was Randy ___ ___ Robinson
15 Long ago, in days of ___
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Beliveau, Howe and Hull ... in a movie

Restored version of Face Off searches for new audience on DVD/Blu-ray

In the 40 years since Face Off hit Canadian movie theatres, its tale of a hotshot hockey player who falls in love with a hippie folk singer faded into obscurity.

Face Off is set for release on DVD and Blu-ray on Nov. 15.

Along with it went little-seen movie cameos of NHL greats Jean Beliveau, Gordie Howe, Bobby Hull, George Armstrong, Derek Sanderson and a young Darryl Sittler.

Hockey fan and video distributor Jonathan Gross says he spent years tracking down a suitable print of the movie to restore it for a 40th anniversary DVD/Blu-ray release this month.

"There's no other hockey movie where there's real action and there are actual NHL players acting," says Gross, who recalls seeing the love story when it premiered in Toronto on Nov. 12, 1971.

"If you're a Leaf fan, this is must-see viewing. This takes you back to (the defunct Maple Leaf) Gardens, shots of places that don't exist anymore."

Other featured teams include the New York Rangers, Chicago Blackhawks, L.A. Kings, Montreal Canadiens and Philadelphia Flyers.

The story centres on cocky Maple Leaf rookie Billy Duke, played by acting veteran Art Hindle (Paradise Falls, North of 60, E.N.G).

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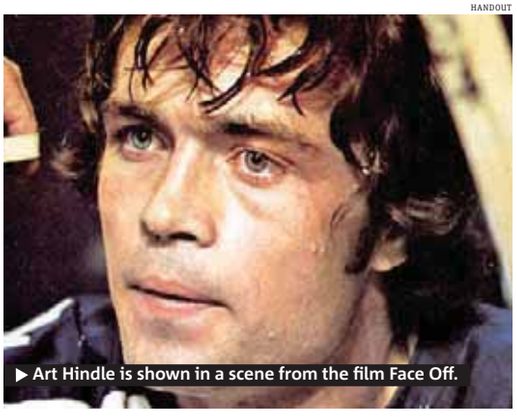

▶ Art Hindle is shown in a scene from the film Face Off.

As his career soars, he falls hard for rocker Sherri Lee Nelson (Trudy Young), who finds it difficult to stomach the violent world of hockey.

Hindle says he learned to skate in just two months in order to take the role, which put him in scrimmages that were staged at Maple Leaf Gardens. That material was later spliced in with actual game footage.

"We actually dropped the puck and for about five minutes we'd just skate up and down the ice and I'd have to make the plays and I'd have to keep up with the Blackhawks or the Bruins or the Rangers or whoever we were duplicating game footage with," says Hindle, who notes he was often uneasy on the blades and spent much of the time trying not to topple.

"For guys our age there's a lot of nostalgia. This is kind of the way things used to be."
VIDEO DISTRIBUTOR JONATHAN GROSS

"And the camera was on-ice as well, capturing me struggling this way and struggling that way."

Gross says the biggest challenge with the DVD release was getting permission from the NHL. Game footage in the film had been cleared for theatrical use decades ago but it had not been cleared for a home entertainment release.

"It was a hurdle," he admits, adding that part of the deal meant limiting the run to 10,000 copies of the film. "Because I have a slight relationship with the NHL they came on board."

"They understood the importance of the film."

The other challenge was bringing a damaged 35-millimetre print up to HD quality. Gross says he spent $10,000 in a bid to clean up the footage.

"It still looks a little grindhouse in places, but we had to go in frame by frame and clean it up," he admits.

"We fixed up the sound as best we could."

Hindle says Leaf all-star Jim McKenny served as his double, making the transitions between staged and real footage smoother, and making the actor look like he actually belonged on the ice.

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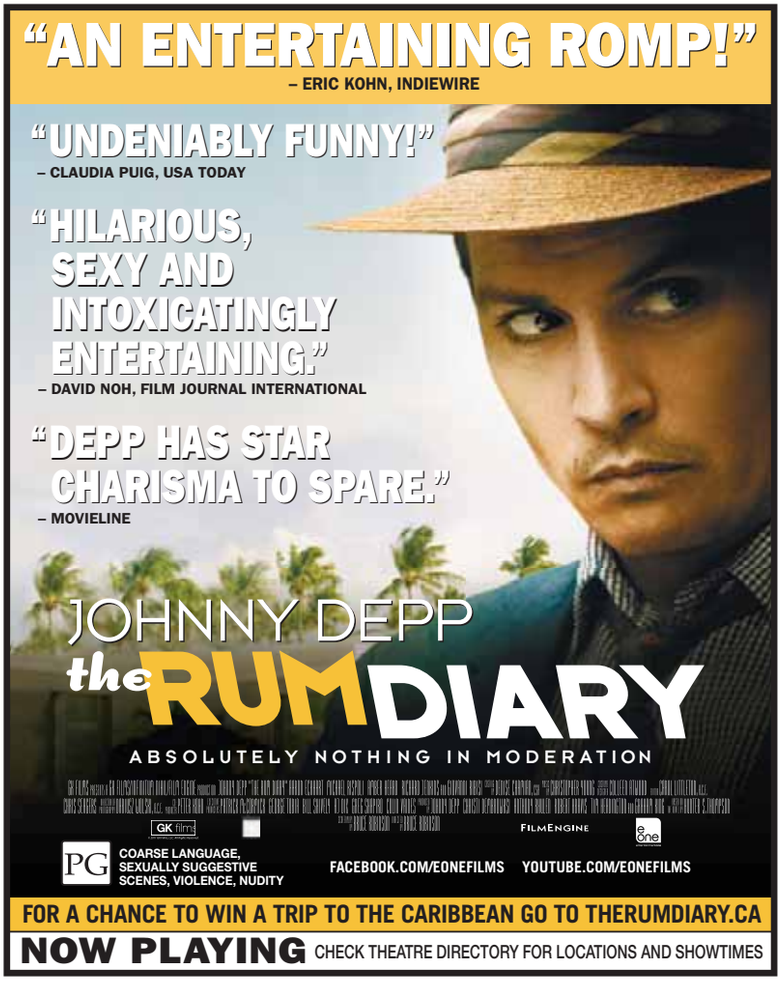
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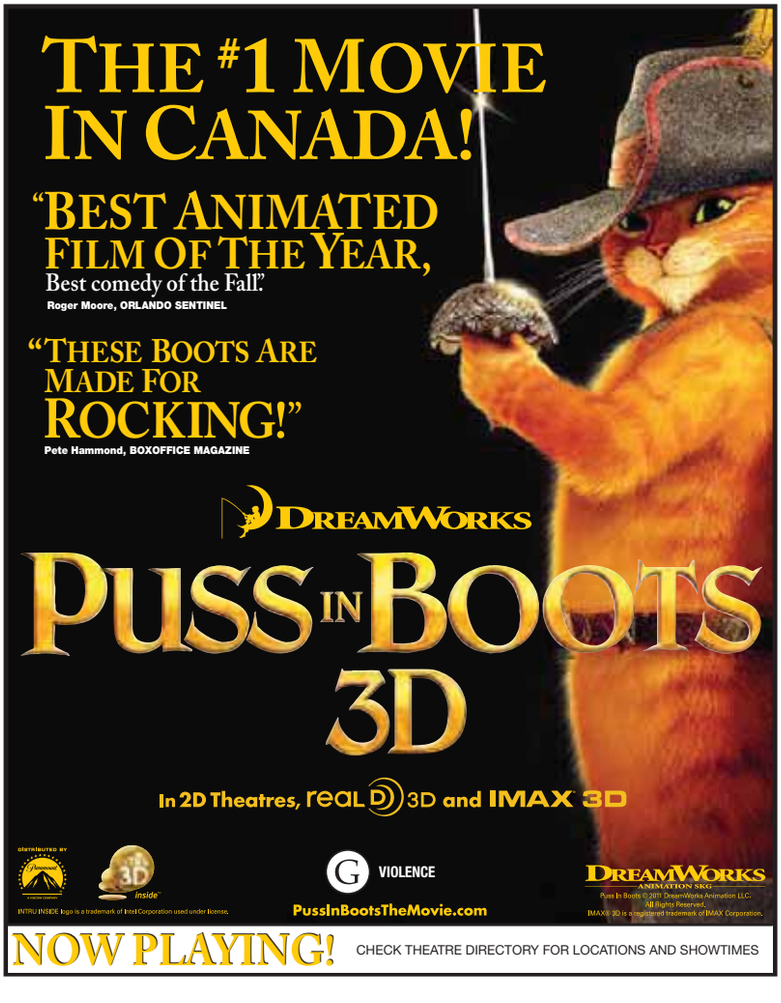
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How to cast Greek gods

Immortals director Tarsem Singh explains why he cast fit young specimens instead of bearded old men as Greek gods ◗ Expects some audience backlash for his decision

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▶ Tarsem Singh says he cast his Greek gods as young and fit because he reasoned anyone who could live forever would want to stay at their peak.

Visionary Indian director Tarsem Singh is known for his bold visuals — as seen in his previous films the Cell and the Fall — so a fair amount of spectacle is to be expected for his take on Greek mythology, Immortals. But the boldest visuals might be the gods themselves, portrayed here as fit, young specimens instead of the usual bearded old men. It's an approach Tarsem knew would be controversial — though he admits he wasn't prepared for just how much blowback he'd get.

Your Greek gods are a lot more fit in this movie than we're used to seeing.

Immortals is an action flick, and I decided it wasn't going to be CGI flying and fighting and pointing fingers and lightning coming out from people's fingers. Once I decided I wasn't going to go there, I needed physically fit specimens. So I just said OK, why would I go young with them? And I started to look for reasons, and the reason just being that if you wanted to live forever, nobody wants to look old and miserable and be carrying a catheter around in later-on years. So I said at the peak is where you'd like to stay. And also that solved a lot of questions which in the end in the movie didn't make it that much — the idea of all these Greek guys having incest and all that. It just made much more sense if you had body beautiful. You'd be sleeping with the daughter. We had a lot of that, and people balked against it. It makes a lot more sense. If everybody looked really beautiful and didn't age, the daughters would have to move out of the house.

Greek mythology is very soap opera-y.

Very! And for most people, they don't see it as that. They're just, "No no no! Zeus was this mighty guy, a voice of reason." The guy who got pissed off at everybody else and kept killing the wrong people? And then slept with so-and-so's daughter, so-and-so's son and everything? And then Poseidon coming down and impregnating people through water? It's just like, no they were nasty f—ups. And basically soap opera is the right thing.

What did you think of the most recent depiction of the gods in Clash of the Titans?

Clash was unfortunately so hurried in competition, funnily enough, with us — just thinking that it had to come out before that. I said I had no interest in competing with a juggernaut that has three times my budget. If they want to turn something like that out, that's fine. But I don't know how to do gods turning cauldrons and going, "What are the humans up to?" That's so dated. People deal differently with gods. Ours, I see a lot of people actually going negatively against it, saying it's such a fascist thing. It's usually older people or people just thinking wisdom only comes with age — or when you're old-looking. I say yes, wisdom can come with age, but I know a lot of stupid old people.

A look at The Immortals pantheon

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War veteran character goes from the stage to the big screen

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▶ Actors John Gray, left, and Eric Peterson pose for a photograph while promoting their film Billy Bishop Goes to War during the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

Veteran Canadian performers John Gray and Eric Peterson are still willing to battle future incarnations of Billy Bishop Goes to War.

Their lauded, long-running stage musical — which is now a film that opens Friday in Toronto and other cities later this month — depicts the life of First World War flying ace Billy Bishop of Owen Sound, Ont.

When it debuted in 1978, Peterson played Bishop as a young man who'd just returned from war. Gray accompanied on piano and sang along with him.

"The film is a very, very small capsule of the intensity of the time that formed him and how he looks back on it so many years later."
DIRECTOR BARBARA WILLIS-SWEETE

Over the years, they've revived the show around the world and updated it to suit their ages: a 1998 version depicted Bishop as a war veteran, and the latest incarnation has a 62-year-old Bishop in the last year of his life.

Now both 65, Gray and Peterson — who won a Governor General's award for creating the show — say they're open to the idea of exploring Bishop's life from yet another angle.

"We are older than Billy Bishop ever lived to be but ... this is the world of theatre and film, where everything is possible. So yes, there could be another chapter," Peterson said in an interview at last September's Toronto International Film Festival, where Billy Bishop Goes to War screened.

"I'm actually secretly practising with a walker, you know, and a wheelchair," the former Corner Gas star added with a cackle. "I'm sure that we could do something with this."

"He wants a trap door (that) opens and flames come out," interjected Gray.

"And we come out from hell to enact the story of my life," replied Peterson in jest.

"Who knows, eh? Who knows. Or maybe we'll just be like the two old guys sitting in the audience going, 'I love this play! We were in it once, you know!' ... I don't want to give up the notion that there's some future production of it."

British Columbia native Barbara Willis-Sweete directs the feature film version of the story, written and composed by Gray and Peterson.

Shot in summer 2010, the film is set in an empty theatre, on a stage designed to look like an attic. A pyjama-clad Bishop (Peterson) reminisces about his life while Gray provides the music.

Surrounded by model airplanes, war medals and an old projector, Bishop describes how he came to enlist in the military and went into war at age 20. He wasn't keen to join the fight but when he got a chance to fly, he felt like a king.

"I think for him (flying) made war more palatable because it's abstract up there and you don't actually face the blood and the guts," said Willis-Sweete, who's seen all the incarnations of Billy Bishop Goes to War over the years.

"But he was transformed completely when he actually saw someone die — when he actually saw the results of what he was doing."

By the end of the war, Bishop had become a pacifist, she added. Later in his life, he was plagued by alcoholism. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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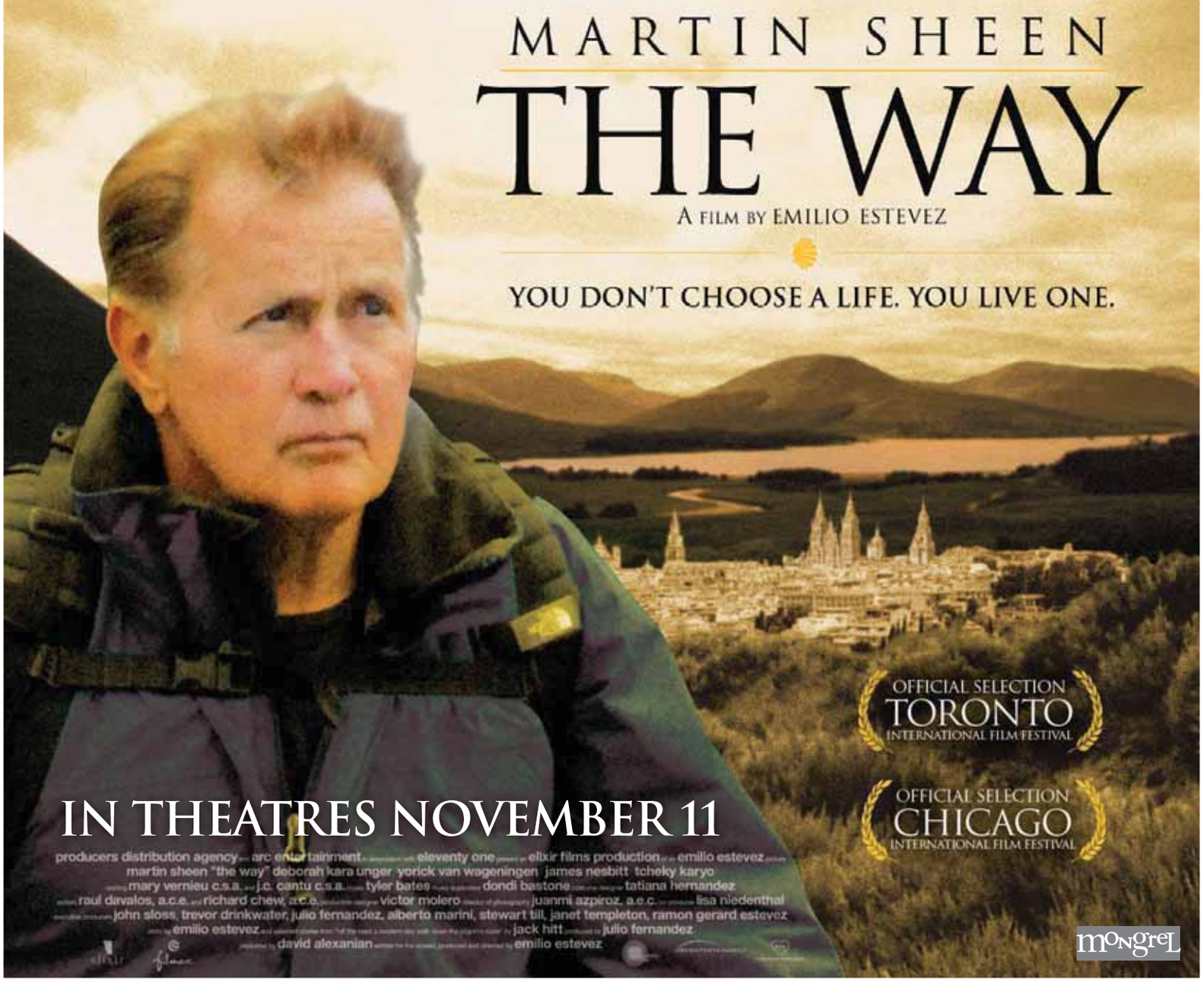
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Martha Marcy May Marlene (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:05-9:20
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Machine Gun Preacher (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri 6:50-9:35 Dolby Stereo Sat-Sun 4-6:50-9:35 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 5:30-8:25
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri 6:35-9:15 Dolby Stereo Sat-Sun 4:15-6:35-9:15 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 5:55-8:20
Starbuck (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri 6:55-9:20 Dolby Stereo Sat-Sun 4:25-6:55-9:20 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
Take Shelter (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri 7-9:40 Dolby Stereo Sat-Sun 4:20-7-9:40 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 5:35-8:10
The Thing (18A) Dolby Stereo Fri 7:05-9:25 Dolby Stereo Sat-Sun 4:30-7:05-9:25 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 6-8:35

OAKRIDGE
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In Time (PG) Digital Presentation, Fri 7:10-9:35 Digital Presentation, Sat-Sun 1-4:20-7:10-9:35 Digital Presentation, Mon-Wed 5:20-8:10
Puss in Boots (G) Digital Presentation, Sat-Sun 1:20
Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri 6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 4-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 5-7:45
Tower Heist (PG) Digital Presentation, , No Passes Fri 7-9:25 Digital Presentation, , No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:25 Digital Presentation, , No Passes Mon-Thu 5:10-8

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Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us? (G) Thu 7
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Ben-Hur (STC) Wed 6:30
The Ides of March (14A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:10-7:15-9:55 Tue 7:15-9:55 Wed 1:30-4:10-7:15-9:50 Thu 1:30-4:10-7:15-9:55
In Time (PG) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25 Sat 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25 Sun-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Siegfried Live (STC) Sat 9
Paranormal Activity 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-3:50-6-8:10-10:30
Puss in Boots (G) No Passes Fri 2:30-5-7:20-9:45 No Passes Sat 12:2-3:0-5-7:20-9:45 No Passes Sun 2:30-5-7:20-9:45 No Passes Mon 1:30-3:45-9:45 No Passes Tue 2:30-5-7:20-9:45 No Passes Wed 2:30-5-7:20-9:40 No Passes Thu 2:30-5-7:20-9:45
Puss in Boots 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:15
The Three Musketeers 3D (PG) Fri 1:45-4:20-7:10-10 Sat 4:20-7:10-10 Sun-Tue 1:45-4:20-7:10-10 Wed 1:10-3:40-10:30 Thu 1:45-4:20-10
Tower Heist (PG) No Passes Fri 2:20-4:50-7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:30-10:10 No Passes Sun-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:30-10:10
Twilight: Special Presentation (STC) Mon 6:30
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (18A) No Passes Fri-Tue 1-3:20-5:40-8:10:20 No Passes Wed 1-3:20-8:10:20 No Passes Thu 1:45-4:20-8:10:20

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The Future (PG) Fri-Sun 6:30 Thu 6:30
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Dolphin Tale (STC) Sat-Sun 1:05
Footloose (PG) Fri 6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:15
The Ides of March (14A) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45
Paranormal Activity 3 (14A) Fri 6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:35-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:25
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (18A) Fri 7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:35

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333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

In Time (PG) Fri 6:45-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:20
Johnny English Reborn (PG) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat 4:10-6:50-9:20 Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon-Tue 6:50-9:10 Wed 9:10 Thu 6:50-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Siegfried Live (STC) Sat 9
Moneyball (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Puss in Boots 3D (G) No Passes Fri 6:30-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:30-9:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-9
The Rum Diary (PG) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40
Tower Heist (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

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Anonymous (PG) Fri-Wed 12:25-3:40-7:15-10:25 Thu 4:10-7:15-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Ben-Hur (STC) Wed 6:30
Breakaway (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-6:55
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The Metropolitan Opera: Siegfried Live (STC) Sat 9
Moneyball (PG) Fri 12:35-3:55-7:10:15 Sat 3:55-7-10:15 Sun-Thu 12:35-3:55-7-10:15
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Puss in Boots 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10
Puss in Boots: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:35-4:55-7:15-9:35
RA. One 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:50-9
Real Steel (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:30-10:30
The Rum Diary (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:30-7:25-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:20
The Three Musketeers 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:50-10:05 Mon-Tue 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:55 Wed 12:55-3:50-6:50-10:40 Thu 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:55
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DOLPHIN CINEMAS
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Tower Heist (PG) No Passes Fri 5-7:05-9:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:30-5-7:05-9:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:05-9:05

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Johnny English Reborn (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:20-9:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Siegfried Live (STC) Sat 9
Paranormal Activity 3 (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:25 Sun 1:30-3:45-6-8:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:45-3:55-6:05-8:20-10:30
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Real Steel (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:25-10:15
The Rum Diary (PG) Fri 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:35 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:30-7:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:35-10:25
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Dolphin Tale (STC) Fri 4:20-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:35-4:20-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:35-4:20-6:55 Mon-Wed 4:20-6:55 Thu 4:20-6:55-9:30
Drive (18A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:40 Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:40 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:20 Mon-Wed 4:40-7:20 Thu 4:40-7:20-9:40
Footloose (PG) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:45 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:45 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:05 Mon-Wed 4:25-7:05 Thu 4:25-7:05-9:45
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Moneyball (PG) Fri 4:15-7:9:50 Sat 1:30-4:15-7:9:50 Sun 1:30-4:15-7 Mon-Wed 4:15-7 Thu 4:15-7-9:50
The Thing (18A) Fri 4:45-7:25-10 Sat 2-4:45-7:25-10 Sun 2-4:45-7:25 Mon-Wed 4:45-7:25 Thu 4:45-7:25-10

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Ben-Hur (STC) Wed 6:30
Footloose (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:10-9:50
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The Rum Diary (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:15-10:05 Wed 4:30-7:15-10:05 Thu 1:40-4:30-7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Silenced (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:45
The Three Musketeers 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 1:05-3:45-6:55-9:40 Wed 1:05-3:45-10:25 Thu 1:05-3:45-6:55-9:40
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The Ides of March (14A) Fri-Thu 4:45-6:45
Moneyball (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45
The Smurfs (G) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:45
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Real Steel (PG) Fri-Thu 9:45
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Mazatlan stands out among tourist destinations as one that provides sun, surf, history and culture. Mazatlan's privileged location- on the Pacific Coast at the foot of the Sierra Madre mountains- has attracted tourists for decades. As a gateway to the sea and Mexico, the city has attracted visitors for centuries. Today, Mazatlan offers an array of experiences for all ages.

Mexico's colonial city on the beach offers a wide range of outdoor activities. Recognized worldwide as a first-class fishing destination, Mazatlan hooks anglers in pursuit of big game like sailfish, marlin and tuna that teem in the waters just offshore. Golfers play at world-class courses, including El Cid Golf & Country Club's Lee Trevino championship course; Estrella Del Mar, a Robert Trent Jones design, and the new Marina Mazatlan Golf Course designed by David Fleming. Other outdoor excursions include kayaking, sailing and zip-lining.

Culture and history lovers explore the streets of the old town. The neoclassical Angela Peralta Theater hosts performances by internationally acclaimed artists. Outside, restaurants at Plaza Machado buzz with patrons and live music. After exploring the city, visitors can tour nearby picturesque Colonial towns. Copala, El Quelite and La Noria are three of the most popular communities.

Savor regional cuisine; explore 17th-century artwork and historic sites dating back to the 1500s.

"Mazatlan's rich culture and unrivalled hospitality sets our city apart from other destinations," says Carlos Berdegue, vice president, Mazatlan Hotel Association and Tourism Trust. "Visitors here enjoy beautiful weather and Pacific Coast sunsets alongside a lively historic center, renowned cuisine and premier resorts. There's also top-ranked spas, championship golf and year-round events. We are committed to showcasing the many sides of Mazatlan." Contact your travel agent to book your Mazatlan holiday.

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TV picks

Ryan Reynolds plays himself

AND THAT'S JUST FINE BY US. The good news for fans of oft-shirtless Canadian heartthrob Ryan Reynolds — previously named sexiest man alive by People Magazine — is that he's guest-starring on a popular TV show Sunday.

The bad news for those fans? It's a cartoon. The Vancouver native will play himself on Family Guy, becoming enamoured with the loutish Peter during a visit to Quahog. (Fox, Global)

A fairy tale first date

NEW FANTASY SHOW. The whimsical Once Upon a Time is one of several new fantasies to hit the air this year. In Sunday's new episode, Prince Charming and Snow White meet for the first time. (CBS, Global)

Faring better on Fridays

SERIOUSLY. Friday night, once a TV wasteland, is now a haven for genre fare.

Over on NBC, the final season of Chuck continues with Morgan still struggling with his new responsibilities, and it's followed by a new episode of Grimm, a new drama about fairy tale characters. CTV Two, meanwhile, will air the fleet-footed actioner Nikita. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Anson Mount on the bloody Hell on Wheels

- Actor dishes on gritty TV Western that's set in post-Civil War America
- Things get ugly — characters motivated by greed, revenge and a better life

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The Western is the most iconic, uniquely American genre to be churned out of Hollywood. With the debut of Hell on Wheels, it might also be the dirtiest.

"There's a lot of sunburn and dirt and mud. There's a lot of animals," leading man Anson Mount says of the Alberta set of the new AMC drama. "And there's a lot of fake blood."

Oh, is there ever blood.

Recounting the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad in post-Civil War America, the Hell on Wheels tale is one of technological advances, greed, and the plight of Native Americans, newly emancipated African-Americans (including a character played by rapper/actor Common) and immigrants.

It's told through the story of Mount's character, Cullen Bohannon, a Confederate soldier who heads west to seek revenge for the wartime death of his wife.

"I think they are always going to respond to something that is truthful. The American audience is, by and large, a lot smarter than the Hollywood people give them credit for."

ANSON MOUNT ON HELL ON WHEELS

Far from the romantic notion of the classic Western, this series is a vivid, brutal retelling of historical fact that doesn't shy away from the ugly actions the U.S. took in the name of progress.

"The first time I saw the pilot, I turned to the producers and told them, 'I think we have just made the bloodiest thing ever shot on television,'" Mount says.

He believes the series' attention to the authenticity of this tumultuous period — including its violence and language that is far from politically correct today — is something audiences will appreciate.

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▶ Anson Mount

"I think people are more interested in reality than just a shiny object," he says.

"I think they are always going to respond to something that is truthful. The American audience is, by and large, a lot smarter than the Hollywood people give them credit for."

In other words, don't expect the good guy to ride up on a gleaming white steed with silver spurs and a million-dollar smile in this Western.

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Whether you're looking for some gifts for others or yourself, here are some upcoming releases.

With Thanksgiving and Halloween receding in the rear view mirror and with Christmas displays everywhere, it's time to look ahead to the final weeks of new releases for 2011. The fourth quarter is make-or-break time for labels and music retailers, which is why so many big-name releases are held back for the Christmas shopping season.

Florence + The Machine - Ceremonials (Out now):

Fantastical sophomore record that neatly bridges all the gaps between Adele, Tori Amos and Kate Bush.

Lou Reed and Metallica - Lulu (Out now)

The Grumpiest Man in Rock and Tallica collaborate on songs based on a 100-year-old German play? Uh, OK.

Noel Gallagher - High Flying Birds (Tuesday)

The British music media is in full Noel-versus-Liam mode even as both brothers hint vaguely at an Oasis reconciliation. Are they hedging their bets already?

David Lynch - Crazy Clown Time (Tuesday)

Yes, it's the Blue Velvet/Twin Peaks guy. If you're a fan of either (or Eraser Head, Dune, Lost Highway, Mullholland Drive or any of his other works), you'll appreciate what he's done here.

Drake - Take Care (Nov 15)

It's a couple of weeks late — Drake wanted to have it out in time for his birthday on Oct. 24 — but he wanted to get it absolutely right. Hence the title.

REM - Part Lies, Part Heart, Part Truth, Past Garbage: 1982-2011 (Nov 15)

REM announced their breakup on September 21 and they have a final greatest hits album in the stores less than two months later? That was quick. Either that or they knew the end was nigh a lot earlier than we were told.

Kate Bush - Fifty Words for Snow (Nov 21)

First, she made us wait 12 years between albums.

Then another six. And now two albums in the last six months? Surely a sign of the Apocalypse.

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Now we know where Demi Moore likes it

According to a source, Ashton Kutcher wasn't the only one cheating

▶ Demi Moore

While Ashton Kutcher has come under fire due to allegations of infidelity, new reports suggest Demi Moore might be in the same boat.

According to In Touch, Moore got more than a little friendly with a young pal of Kutcher's, actor Ben Hollingsworth, one night after picking him up from a party.

"They wound up having sex in the back of the car," a source claims.

"It just kept going from there."

But not too far, as Hollingsworth reportedly called off the affair soon after.

"He was getting to be better friends with Ashton and he felt bad about it," the source explains.

Sex in a car? Why do we need to know these graphic details, In Touch?

Between knowing Kutcher had sex in a hot tub and Moore in the back seat of a car, it's as though the two have something against a nice, ol' bed.

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▶ Justin Bieber

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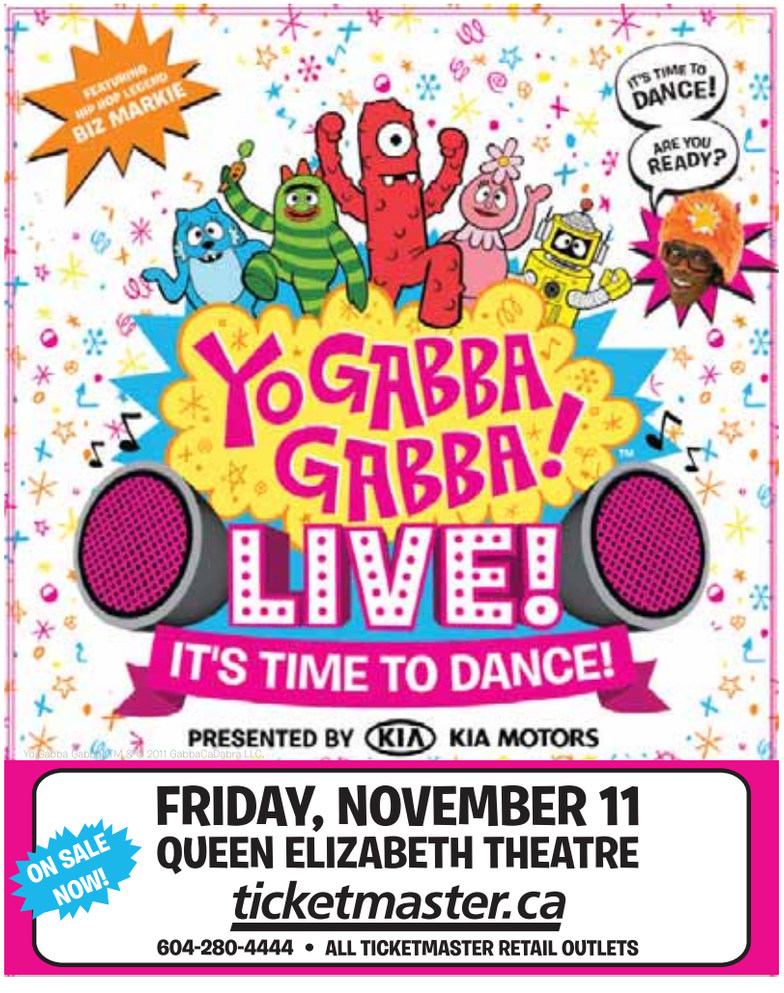
Poor Mariah Yeater. First the 20-year-old (allegedly!) had sex with Justin Bieber, then she (allegedly!) got pregnant by him, and now she's facing the wrath of millions of hormonal girls (not allegedly!) on the Internet.

Several Facebook hate-pages have sprung up bashing Yeater and Twitter is absolutely enflamed with misspelled hate-Tweets.

If Yeater is just filing this paternity suit for attention, she's getting it.

But I find this whole claim totally unbelievable as, really, have his testes even descended yet? But then again, I thought the marriage between Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries would last to at least six months, so I've been wrong before.



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When it comes to superstar producers, the Italian wine industry has almost as many as a Justin Bieber album. There's Piedmont's Angelo Gaja, Tuscany's Giovanni di Piero Antinori and Veneto's Sandro Boscaini.

I recently had lunch with Boscaini — the President of Masi Agricola — and got a chance to talk with him about his famous wines and innovations his company brought to the industry.

It was "Mr. Masi's" father who originated the Ripasso method of wine making: A double fermentation of sorts with Valpolicella juice refermented on the semi-dried lees left over from the makings of a rich, weighty Amarone-style wine.

In 1964, the Masi Campofiorin ($17.95 - $18.99) was the first Ripasso wine to hit shelves and the current 2008 vintage carries on that long tradition. Inimitably drinkable with a smooth, raisin-meets-plum profile, it's an all-around food partner but with enough guts to stand on its own as a fall-friendly red to toast the up-coming time change.

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What's with the hype over goat cheese?

In many parts of the world people eat goat cheese more than cheese from cows, and North America is catching on **Upgrade your Panini**

The dairy goat industry is growing by leaps and bounds in Canada.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada estimated goat milk production country-wide at more than 21 million litres in 2004. Today, estimates put production at close to 18 million litres in Ontario alone.

One significant reason for the demand is the "health benefits of the goat products," says Lindsay Gregory, marketing coordinator for Woolwich Dairy Inc., the largest goat cheese manufacturer in Canada. "Goat milk is lower in fat and lower in cholesterol, but it's still high in protein and calcium."

A 2005 Agriculture Canada report confirms that milk from dairy goats "has 13 per cent less lactose than cow milk and contains smaller milk-fat particles, making it easier to digest. In many cases, people with cow milk allergies have no trouble consuming goat milk."

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This recipe makes two servings.

Goat Cheese and Chopped Chicken Panini

Goat cheese, ricotta and Parmesan combine in this hearty panini. Serve it with a salad or fresh tomato slices and pickles.

Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) each goat and ricotta cheese
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) Italian seasoning
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 2 focaccia buns, sliced in half
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cooked chicken breasts, chopped
- 250 ml (1 cup) baby spinach leaves
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shaved Parmesan cheese
- Freshly ground black pepper

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, combine goat cheese, ricotta and Italian seasoning.
2. On a grilling surface, grill tomato slices until some char marks appear. Set aside.
3. Brush one side of each focaccia slice with oil. Place two slices on a work surface, oiled side down, and evenly layer with goat cheese mixture, chicken, spinach, tomatoes and Parmesan. Sprinkle with pepper. Cover with top halves, oiled side up, and press to pack.
4. Place sandwiches on grill, close the top plate and cook until golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Serve immediately.

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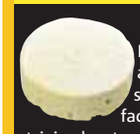

Here are some facts and trivia about goats:

- Goats are extremely curious and intelligent creatures.
- There are more than 300 breeds of domesticated goats.
- In Canada, the goat industry can be segmented into three distinct sectors: chevon (meat), dairy (milk) and fibre (mohair and cashmere).

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Wildly underwhelming

Canucks crushed by typically low-scoring Wild ‘We all take the blame for it,’ says Bieksa

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▶ Minnesota’s Matt Cullen scores the first of his two third-period goals on Canucks goalie Cory Schneider.

The message from the coach was clear. The Minnesota Wild needed to start shooting the puck more.

The players sure heard it, and received plenty of positive reinforcement.

Matt Cullen had two goals and an assist for Minnesota, and the Wild let their sputtering offence loose by dominating the Vancouver Canucks from start to finish with 45 shots on net in a 5-1 victory Thursday.

“It was a matter of time,” Wild coach Mike Yeo said. “We don’t expect that every game, but we’ve been generating some chances. We haven’t capitalized on them at the rate that we’d like to, but with that I think offensively we took another step tonight. Hopefully this is a game we can build off of.”

Pierre-Marc Bouchard scored and had two assists and Guillaume Latendresse and Marco Scandella also got goals for the Wild, who won their third straight, all with backup goalie Josh Harding, who made 24 saves against the Canucks.

Defenceman Dan Hamhuis gave Vancouver the game’s first goal just 2:20 in, but Harding shut the door after that.

Cory Schneider, making his fourth start of the season, did his best to keep the Canucks competitive, twice denying Cullen with difficult saves in the first period. But he ran out of steam and was helpless by the middle of the game.

“We gave them some time and space. I know they haven’t scored a whole lot this year, but they have quite a few skill players and we saw tonight they made some pretty nice plays,” Schneider said. “We just can’t get caught off guard like that.”

The Wild scored three times in the second period on 22 shots — more than they managed the entire game in three previous contests this season.

“We lost 5-1 and our best player by far was our goaltender. That about can sum it up right there,” Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said.

The loss takes away any good will the Canucks built up after a 5-1 victory in Calgary on Tuesday.

“This has got to be one of the worst performances I’ve been a part of in this jersey,” defenceman Kevin Bieksa said. “It was the defence, the goalies, the forwards, everybody, coaches, everyone was involved in this one.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calvillo becomes culprit in Als’ struggles

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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They haven’t fallen far, but the Montreal Alouettes are no longer kings of the CFL mountain.

They can still finish first in the CFL East and earn a bye to the division final, but the Als have lost a step and it’s shown in recent losses to Winnipeg and Calgary. Montreal’s main culprit — surprisingly — has been QB Anthony Calvillo, who may be in his final season with the most dominant team of the last decade.

It’s simply unforgivable to stumble in the final weeks in games that could have earned the Als a bye to the East final, but this is not the same team, mainly due to Calvillo’s spotty play.

Remarkably, the Montreal media has named Calvillo that team’s nominee for 2011 Most Outstanding Player, even though receiver Jamel Richardson is the better choice. Richardson has had a great year with 12 100-yard games and some 1,700 yards receiving. You could argue Richardson’s success is directly linked to Calvillo, although that can be said for any team.

Calvillo continues to pile up yards, but the team’s late-season swoon rests squarely on his shoulders.

Return to Prairies unlikely for Austin: Kent Austin is the popular choice of Saskatchewan fans to be the Roughriders’ next coach, but it doesn’t look like it will happen.

Austin, in his second season as head coach at Cornell University, guided the Riders to their last Grey Cup win in 2007 and is considered a god among the flatlanders. Problem is, Austin recently issued a statement that he’s happy coaching college and denied rumours the Riders contacted him about the opening.

The Riders whacked Greg Marshall after a 1-7 start this season and replaced him with Ken Miller. Earlier this week, Miller announced that he was resigning as head coach after this season.

More likely candidates include Riders defensive coordinator Richie Hall, Montreal offensive co-ordinator Scott Milanovich, Calgary OC Dave Dickenson and Stamps DC Chris Jones.

Bad news ends Argo apathy: It’s a shame that it took a head shot to QB Steven Jyles to get Torontonians to pay attention to the Argos. Jyles appeared to be knocked cold last weekend by Winnipeg defensive back Johnny Sears, who has been handed a one-game suspension. Jyles sat out Thursday’s finale in favour of backup Dalton Bell.

Argos offensive linemen Rob Murphy and Taylor Robertson both tweeted their disgust, pecking out veiled threats toward Sears, and were subsequently fined by the league. The controversy triggered some Hogtown media to claim Sears got away easy and that a longer suspension was warranted. Not so. The CFL got it right this time and Sears will be back in time for the playoffs.

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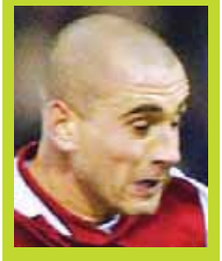

“I am looking forward to working with Martin again in this new challenge. Vancouver is a beautiful city and I can’t wait to get started.”

PAUL RITCHIE, WHO WAS ANNOUNCED AS AN ASSISTANT COACH FOR THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS THURSDAY. RITCHIE WAS NEW WHITECAPS COACH MARTIN RENNIE’S FIRST ASSISTANT WITH THE CAROLINA RAILHAWKS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE THIS PAST SEASON.

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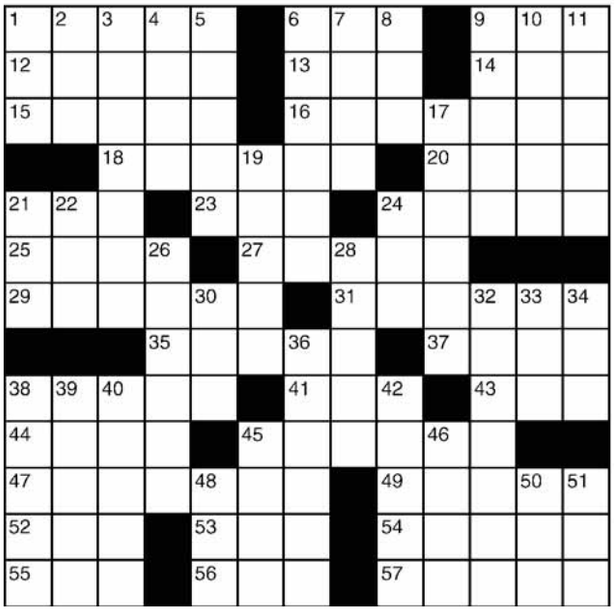

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20 Cuts into lumber
21 Bliss
23 Pouch
24 Veil material
25 Concept
27 Flight component
29 Butt in
31 Intl. humanities agcy.
35 Broadcast
37 Incursion
38 "Trivial Pursuit" piece
41 Noon, on a sundial
43 Irate
44 Mine, in Marseilles
45 Excessive
47 Russian urn
49 Post-wedding relative
52 Dead heat
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56 "One Mic" rapper
57 Animal groups

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4 Mosque bigwig
5 Traffic pylons
6 Bug
7 Membership
8 Mid-May honoree
9 Wild
10 Southern talk
11 Obey reveille
17 One taking great interest in his work?
19 "Star Wars" weapon
21 Parsons of "The Big Bang Theory"
22 Rhyming tribute
24 Can material
26 At a slow tempo
28 Taxpayer's dread
30 Whopper
32 Assortment
33 Espionage grp.
34 Peculiar
36 Puts forth
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39 Cyber-messages
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42 Hibernian
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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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5	6	8	3	1	7	4	2	9
2	3	4	7	5	6	1	9	8
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The Sun in Scorpio at this time of year can make things look worse than they are. Don't take them seriously.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Someone who can usually be counted on to support you will wonder aloud if you know what you are doing.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you push yourself a little bit harder, you will somehow get 10 times more done than you expected.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There is no point in trying to keep whatever you're hiding from other people. Be open about it instead.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Make allowances for those who seem reluctant to get involved in whatever adventure you're planning.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you come across too stand-offish,it may work against long-term interests.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Personal and financial worries may be causing you sleepless nights but nothing much is likely to come of them.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Push yourself forward today and show the world what a unique and enterprising individual you are. Don't let opportunities go begging.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have a hugely positive outlook on life and that's good because you are going to need it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't keep your hopes and dreams a secret — let everyone know what it is you are planning to do.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You have a mountain to climb but if you get started now, it won't be long before you're at the summit.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Enjoy what fate brings your way but be aware too that cycles come and cycles go. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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